

**COMPOSITIONS TO REDUCE TEXTILE CONTAMINANTS
AND ASSOCIATED PROCESSING METHODS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Contaminant solubilizing compositions are provided that are suitable for use in a
5 variety of textile applications, including dyeing applications. The contaminant
solubilizing compositions generally include at least one C₁ to C₄ ester of lactic acid, at
least one surfactant and at least one solvent. The contaminant solubilizing compositions
may be used either alone or within larger textile cleaning compositions to remove
contaminants from the surfaces of textile articles or the manufacturing equipment used to
10 process textile articles, including dyeing equipment.

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